

HOSPITAL CORPS ARCHIVES FILE EXHIBITS, DRAWER #3  
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Hospital Corps School of Instruction, Norfolk Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia. The very first school of its kind of any nation. Established August 11, 1902 and known as "THE OLD SCHOOL".

- (a) Picture of the first graduation class of "The Old School" 10-15-02.
- (b) Facsimile of the first Hospital Corps School Certificate ever issued. Signed by Surgeon General P.M.Rixey, USN.
- (c) Picture of Max Armstrong, who received the No.1 Certificate of the No.1 Graduating Class of the No.1 Hospital Corps School, Portsmouth, Va., December 15, 1902 - This picture made in 1903.
- (d) Photo of Max Armstrong, now Doctor Armstrong of Newell, Iowa, with his daughter, Ensign Jean Armstrong, Navy Nurse Corps, USN., Great Lakes, Illinois, 1903.
- (e) A suggested layout of above four exhibits if framed for wall display
- (f) Class Roll of the first graduation class of the first Hospital Corps School, Portsmouth, Va. Graduated Dec. 15, 1902.
- (g) Biographical sketch of Max Armstrong, First Graduate of "The Old School".
- (h) A set of 32 photographs of interesting scenes of the first H.C.School, Portsmouth, Va. (See description attached to set)
- (i) U.S.Naval Hospital Corps School, Portsmouth, Virginia, as sketched by Rear Admiral Daniel Hunt (MC) USN, and Lt.Comdr. A. T. Schwartz, (HC) USN, for the July 1943 issue of the Hospital Corps Quarterly.
- (j) "THE OLD SCHOOL" by. Lt.Benjamin F. Dixon, (HC)USN., July 1943 issue of The Hospital Corps Quarterly.

## EXHIBIT #2 - Peoples People

Information compiled by Lt. Benjamin F. Dixon for the July 1944 issue of the Hospital Corps Quarterly, relative to Hospital Corpsman RAYMOND F. WATSON and some other Hospital Corpsmen who made good in Civilian life and rendered valuable service to the Navy in World War II.

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A somewhat humorous annual letter written by Lt. Benjamin F. Dixon ("Uncle Ben"), addressed to old shipmates and "Fans in the Field" - sketching life and happenings in the Hospital Corps Section of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery - 1944-45.

EXHIBIT #4 - A Religious Error.

An explanation as to why the cover for USN Medical Bulletin, December 1944 issue, had to be discarded because a Civil Service employee thought the picture of the man holding a rosary and a cigarette in the same hand might offend devout Catholics.

EXHIBIT #5 - Philippine Invasion

PART I. Navy Department Press and Radio Releases covering the American invasion of the Philippines. Stories of Navy Ships, Guerrillas, Amphibious Landings, plane Squadrons, Hero Stories, and various other Navy Subjects (See list in front of Exhibit Folder) 11-9-44 to 6-30-45.

PART II. Continuation of Part I, for the period: July - August - September 1945.

EXHIBIT #6 - V.E.Day, May 8, 1945

A collection of twenty-two (22) U. S. Navy Press Releases, relative to the European Victory (V.E.Day). Descriptive Index of authors and subjects covered in these 22 Releases will be found in front of Exhibit Folder.



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EXHIBIT #7 - Historical Items

16. Medal of Honor awards to Hospital Corpsmen - 1900-1945.

1. "The Navy's Medical Department" by Captain W.J.C. Agnew, (MC) USN and Chief Pharmacist Norman L. Saunders (HC) USN. This is a 25 page pamphlet outlining the history of the U.S. Navy Medical Department from date of its organization to May 1941.
2. Chart U.S. Naval Medical History prepared by BuMed 1944.
3. Story "This Is The Way It Was" by Ernie Pyle. A description of "D-Day plus two of the Normandy Beachhead, June 16, 1944. printed on the first page of The WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS.
4. "Overview" The Navy Medical Department At War 1940-1945 A twenty (20) page pamphlet published by the History Section, Administration Division of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department, 1945. A narrative summary of many problems and how these problems were met.
5. The United States Navy Medical Department At War - 1941-1945 Preface and Index 1946.
6. Functional Reorganization of Personnel Division, BuMed. (See page 3 covering Hospital Corps Branch
7. MORTAR AND PESTLE, May 1906 Issue. Professional Publication of the Hospital Corps Association, 1905-7
8. MORTAR AND PESTLE, June 1906 - Contains a list of blank forms used in the Navy Medical Department as of that date.
9. THE COURIER - April 1945 - Publication of the U.S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va. It is the 118th Anniversary issue, covering the period 1827-1945 - Contains interesting historical items and pictures of the Hospital and Hospital Corps School of Instruction.
10. "The White Lilly" A story of Hospital Ships of the U.S. Navy, by Lt. B. F. Dixon (HC) USN, published in the Hospital Corps Quarterly for July 1945
11. The Romance of the Enlisted Doctors. "Doc" the recognized title of every Hospital Corpsman. Story by B.F. Dixon published in the July/October 1925 issue of the Hospital Corps Quarterly.
12. 4 Imortals and G.I. Joe - Story of the organization of the Hospital Corps Veterans. National Association.
13. A Letter to the Editor: About the Hospital Corps Archives.
14. Release: Pharmacists in the U.S. Navy.
15. Braddock's Rock and other Historic Spots associated with the site of the projected New Navy Building, between 23rd and 26th Streets, E Street and Constitution Avenue, Washington, D. C. (Photograph of Braddock's Rock attached.

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EXHIBIT #8 - Civil War Documents

A collection of fifteen (15) photostats copied from selected original documents in the six (6) volumes of "BOOK OF SURGEON'S STEWARDS" in the National Archives, 8th & Pennsylvania Ave, N.W., Washington D. C. (See descriptive list of documents in front of folder, Exhibit #8)

EXHIBIT #9 - Hospital Corps in the A.E.F. (World War I)

A collection of seven photographs reproduced from the collection of Lt.(jg) George G. Strott (HC)USN, processed for use as an exhibit at conventions.

1. Navy Dispensers of Sunshine (French and Strott)
  2. Hospital Corpsman's dugout (PhMlc Park Stratford, USN)
  3. U.S. Naval Sick Bay near the Verdun Sector - April 1918.
  4. Battalion Medical Unit. Dr. Michel (MC) U.S. Navy, 3rd Bn. 6th Marines
  5. The Navy in the Trenches - Hospital Corpsmen near Verdun.
  6. Hospital Corpsmen at St. Mihiel.
  7. The Triage Field Hospital in France, A Field Hospital of the Second Division, A.E.F., at Somme Py, north of Chalons.
- Collection of Enlargements from which these pictures were copied are in the National Archives, Washington, D. C.

EXHIBIT #10 - Posters, The Four Freedoms

A collection of War Bond Posters reproduced in 1943 from four (4) pictures painted by the artist, Norman Rockwell, for the SATURDAY EVENING POST.

1. Freedom of Religion
2. Freedom of Speech
3. Freedom from Want
4. Freedom From Fear
5. A Composit Group of the above 4 pictures

EXHIBIT #11 - Haiti - 1916-45

Public Health Service of Haiti - a sketch of work accomplished and photographs of nine (9) Engineers and Directors General in charge of this project. Also a supplementary catalogue set of seventeen (17) pictures from the collection of Lt. Cowan E. Jones (HC) USN, Retired.

EXHIBIT #12 - THE ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL, 1945

A collection of news clippings and pictures relative to the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, April 12, 1945.

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EXHIBIT 13. Multilith - Lithographs - Rotogravure

Samples of specimens turned out by Hospital Corps Technicians in connection with BuMed projects.

- (a) Christmas - New Year greetings, Vice-Admiral Ross C. McIntire, (MC) Surgeon General of the U.S.Navy.
- (b) Certificate of Commendation - World War II. (Medical Corps)
- (c) Certificate of Commendation - Neuropsychaitric education group.
- (d) Program: Fragmentation Party - Hospital Corps, BuMed, 2-7-1945.
- (e) Program: Commissioning Ceremonies U.S. Naval School of Hospital Administration, 14 September 1945. NNMCMC, Bethesda, Md.
- (f) Officers and Civilian personnel and office interiors, Hospital Corps Section, BuMed, Building 10, 23rd & E St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 1945.
- (g) Petty Officers and enlisted personnel, BuMed, 1945.
- (h) Officers of BuMed, 1944 (221 Officers)
- (i) Officers and crew, USS Mercy - World War I (See Story in Hospital Corps Quarterly, January 1945)
- (j) Officers and crew, USS Mercy - May 31, 1919.

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EXHIBIT #14. Commercial Publicity - Naval Medical Dept. World War II.

- (1) Bulletin of Lederle Laboratories - Contains a brief history of Navy Medical Department, Picture of National Naval Med.Center, Bethesda, Md. and photographs of 17 Officer personnel.
- (2) Tile & Pill - Published by Eli Lilly & Co. May 1945 . Beginning on Page 34 is article entitled "Pharmacy in the Hospital Corps"
- (3) Catalogue of The Abbott Collection painting sof Naval Medicine

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EXHIBIT #15 - Suribachi

A collection of 24 News stories, posters and pictures, including an autographed card with photo of John H. Bradley, BHM2c USN, one of the men who helped raise the U.S.Flag on Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima.

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EXHIBIT #15 - War Posters

A collection of 11 Picture Posters used in War Bond Drives, including a large portrait of President Harry E. Truman. (See detailed list in front of Folder #15)



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EXHIBIT #17 - History of World War II

1. A brief history of World War II compiled by the Associated Press and published in the Washington Post, Sunday, Oct. 21, 1945. (Back cover has a picture of the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima)
  2. Service Ribbons, telling a story of heroic acts and victory. Published in the magazine section "Parade" in the Washington Post, issue of Sunday, October 21, 1945.
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EXHIBIT #18 - Recruiting Projects - 1941-1944.

SPECIMEN LETTERS:

1. Letter to Medical Technologists.
2. Inquiry Letter
3. A Questionnaire Form
4. Nomination Form, BuMed to BuPers.
5. Instructions relative to information cards for recruits.

INFORMATION LITERATURE:

6. Hospital Corps of the United States Navy. A mimeographed 6-page circular. The first piece of work accomplished by Lt. Ben. F. Dixon after reporting to BuMed for active service in July 1941.
  7. The Hospital Corps of the United States Navy. A 15-page booklet of information relative to Hospital Corpsmen of the U.S. Navy, with inserts showing table of pay and allowances and an application card.
  8. The United States Navy Hospital Corpsman. A 28-page booklet describing the advantages, activities and duties of the Navy Hospital Corpsmen.
  9. FIRST AID in ACTION. A large folder showing pictures of trained Hospital Corpsmen rendering first aid, and a vocational chart describing the various technical specialties training offered by the United States Navy to its Hospital Corpsmen.
  10. Jobs in Naval Aviation. A large Folder describing the various jobs offered to men enlisting in Naval Aviation. A vocational chart and a number of pictures illustrating Naval Aviation jobs.
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EXHIBIT #19 - Waves Procurement

CIRCULARS:

1. Form Letter for Inquiries
2. Form Application Card
3. Questionnaire Form, for Assignment of Apprentice Seamen Waves to the Hospital Corps (NavMed-330)
4. Suggested Orientation Lecture for Apprentice Seamen candidates.

PAMPHLETS:

5. "Enlist in the Waves. Serve in the Hospital Corps" - Text for this pamphlet was prepared by. Lt. Paul Briggs, Dean of Pharmacy, George Washington University. Illustrations were procured by Lt. George G. Strott. (Published in three editions)
6. "The Story of You in Navy Blue" Prepared and circulated by the Procurement Division of the Navy Bureau of Personnel
7. "Join The Waves" Now, more than ever before--" Another standard Waves procurement pamphlet published and circulated by Procurement Division, BuPers.

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EXHIBIT #20 - The Story Of "The Hospital Corpsman":

A monthly publication established April 1946,  
William F. Plowfield, Editor in Chief.

1. A typed story of the organization, plan and purpose of this magazine "The Hospital Corpsmen" By Lt. Ben F. Dixon (HC) USN, Archivist for the Hospital Corps Personnel Section of the Bureau of Medicine & Surgery, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
2. Subscription Card and a "First Page" sample, showing just what the magazine will look like and the sort of material it will publish.
3. April 1946 issue of the magazine "The Hospital Corpsmen"
4. May 1946 issue of the magazine "The Hospital Corpsmen"
5. June-July 1946 issue of "The Hospital Corpsmen"

(Items 3 - 4 and 5 above - issued of the Hospital Corpsmen contain contributions from the pen of Lt. Ben F. Dixon, Archivist, as follows: April - a brief history of "The Navy Hospital Corps" May - suggestion for "Survivor" and "Martyr's Medal" for men of World War II.  
June-July - observations "About Us" - The United States of America.

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EXHIBIT #21. National Association - Veterans of the Hospital Corps:

1. 8-14-45- "Four Immortals & G.I. Joe" - a brief sketch of the idea and the four men who conceived the idea of the National Association of Veterans of the Hospital Corps.
2. 8-14-45 Suggested Certificate of Incorporation, Rules and By-Laws.
3. 9-26-45 "All Hands, Hospital Corps" - minutes of the second meeting of the organizing veterans. (Founders Caucus) N.A.V.H.C.
4. 9-26-45 Printed Constitution and By-Laws, HAV HC - Containing a brief history of the founding of the association - See Page 3.
5. 9-25-45 Copy of "Acaducros Press Service" - Release No.1 - First Reunion of World War II Hospital Corps Veterans (Staff members of Medical Storehouse No.1) 9-20-1945.
6. 10-6-45 Copy of "Acaducros Press Service" - Release No.2 - History of the word "Acaducros" and story of the presentation of Congressional Medal of Honor to two Hospital Corpsmen, Viz: Robert Eugene Bush, HALC and George E. Wahlen, PHM2c USNR by President Harry E. Truman on October 5, 1945. (Copy of Citations attached)
7. 10-13-45 Copy of "Acaducros Press Service" - Release No.3 - Listing the Names, Rate, place and presentation dates of Medal of Honor awards to Hospital Corpsmen for the period 1900-1945.
8. 7-22-46 Circular- Minutes of NAV HC meeting held Friday, July 19, 1946.
9. Jan. 1946 NAV-HC Journal - Official Organ of the National Association of Hospital Corps Veterans - Lt. W.Kenneth Patton, Editor.
10. Feb-Mar. 46 NAV-HC Journal " "
11. Apr-May 46 NAV-HC Journal " ""

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EXHIBIT #22 - BuMed Air Raid Drill

1. When the AIR RAID ALARM SOUNDS - Things to do.
  2. When the AIR RAID WARNING SOUNDS - Things to Remember
  3. Classes in Gas Protection
  4. Air Raid Drill - Evacuation Schedule, Potomac Annex, Navy Dept.
  5. Map - Location of Air Raid Precaution Chests.
  6. Organization of Bomb Squads - Air Raid Precautions - BuMed.1-15-1943.
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EXHIBIT # 23 - Hospital Corps Instruction:

1. "Training of Hospital Corpsmen" - Issued About 1930.
  2. Catalog of Hospital Corps Schools - 1942 Edition
  3. Catalog of Hospital Corps Schools - 1944 Edition
  4. Orientation Courses, Hospital Corps - 4-Page Mimeographed List.
  5. Letter - Re: Prerequisites to training courses.
  6. Addendum to Catalog of Hospital Corps Schools (Enclosure for Item #5)
  7. Letter - Re: Recommendations for Enlisted Personnel.
  8. Program - Commissioning Ceremonies, School of Hospital Administration, 9-14-45.
  9. Rating Descriptions for Hospital Corpsmen of the U. S. Navy.
  10. Nineteen Local Hospital Corps Certificate Forms - Clerical, Dental, etc.
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EXHIBIT #24 - Part I - Catalogue of Hospital Corps Technicians  
Part II       "               "               "               "

(Part I has complete list of Specialty Technicians in the Hospital Corps as of VJ-Day. Part II contains additions, deletions and changes affecting Part I. The work of compiling this very valuable catalogue is that of Lt. H.H.Hepp and Lt. L.F.Millett of the Hospital Corps, assisted by Miss Derna Luviana, civilian secretary.)

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EXHIBIT #25 -The Messina Earthquake, December 28, 1908.

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This Exhibit contains ~~four~~ photographs - copies of originals loaned to Hospital Corps Archives, courtesy of Hospital Apprentice Geo.W. Boles,

1. Photo: Italian Red Cross Medal awarded to Hospital Apprentice Bowles.  
(A large number of American Officers and enlisted men received this award)
  2. Photo: A Messina Home demolished by the earthquake (Sailors from USS CULGOA)
  3. Photo: Funeral Party showing casket for American Consul and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Cheney, who were casualties of the earthquake.
  4. Roster of some American personnel who took part in the cleanup and construction of new homes and the rehabilitation of Messina after the earthquake. (Ref: "American House Building in Messina and Reggio" by Lt.Comdr.R.R.Belknap, Naval Attache at Rome, who had general supervision of the construction work.
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EXHIBIT #26 - U.S. Marines in Cuba, 1917-1918.

A set of photographs copied from originals loaned to the Hospital Corps Archives, courtesy of John A. Crofts, PhMlc.

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EXHIBIT #27 - Photographs of some "Old Timers"

1. Lt. Comdr. E.G. Dennis and Lt(jg) Wm. A. Nugent - 1942  
(See Hospital Corps Quarterly for October 1943)
  2. Lt. Comdr. Max McComas of the Hospital Corps swears into U.S. Navy Service his son, Graham Douglas McComas.  
(Did he swear him in on the Bluejacket Manuel?)
  3. Staff Photo - U.S. Naval Hospital, Parris Island, S. C., 1917
  4. Staff Photo - Navy Department Dispensary (About February 1920)
  5. Photo: The Pharmacy, Navy Department Dispensary, 1919
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EXHIBIT #28 - Travel Library

Set of 15 Pocket Guides published by War and Navy Departments for use of American personnel overseas. Not distributed to personnel at home.

1. Alaska	2. Australia	3. Burma	4. China	5. Egypt
6. Great Britain	7. India	8. Iran	9. Iraq	10. New Caledonia
11. New Zealand	12. North Africa	13. N. Ireland	14. Panama	
15. West Africa.				

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August 14, 1945 - (Japan Agreed to Surrender)

EXHIBIT #29 - VJ-Day, Sept. 2- 1945 - ( Surrender Signed on board USS Missouri)

This Exhibit contains the collection of Press Releases relative to VJ-Day for the period 7-9-45 to 8-31-45 .

Also ALNAV 194 - Sec. Forrestal's Demobilization Greeting  
9-3-1946 - Sec. Forrestal's Statement on Completion of Demobilization  
10-6-45 - Washington Post - Story of "Nimitz Day" Celebration.  
Feb. 1946 - HC Quarterly - Congressional Medal of Honor award to Geo. E. Wahlen, PhM2c and Robert E. Bush, HALc, for heroism at Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

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EXHIBIT #30 - Casualty Lists for World War II, Published by Navy Department

This Exhibit consists of five (5) Folders containing Casualty Lists by States for all States except Illinois . Also contains lists for U.S. Island Territories.

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End of File Exhibit - Drawer 3.